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SUBJECT: JSP DELEGATION VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST

1. TWO MAN DELEGATION OF JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY DEPARTED TOKYO DECEMBER 4 FOR TWENTY-DAY VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST AT INVITATION OF ARAB LEAGUE TO DISCUSS ARAB OIL SUPPLY TO JAPAN AND RELATED POLITICAL PROBLEMS. DELEGATION MEMBERS ARE LOWER HOUSE MEMBER KANJI KAWASAKI, ALSO DIRECTOR OF JSP INTERNATIONAL BUREAU, AND JSP INTERNATIONAL BUREAU SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR SHOZO SUGIYAMA.

2. ITINERARY ANNOUNCED BY JSP INCLUDES VISITS TO EGYPT, LEBANON, SYRIA, IRAQ, KUWAIT, QATAR AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. ACCORDING TO JSP, APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED WITH PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT, PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD OF SYRIA, PRESIDENT AHMAD HASSAN AL-BAKR OF IRAQ, SECRETARY GENERAL MAHMOUD RIAD OF ARAB LEAGUE AND YASSER ARAFAT OF PLO.

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3. COMMENT: BY INITIATING CONTACTS WITH ARAB LEADERS LEADING
OPPOSITION PARTY, JSP, NO DOUBT SEEKS TO PROJECT POSITIVE
IMAGE OF CONCERN FOR JAPANESE CONSUMERS WHO INCREASINGLY
DISTURBED BY GROWING OIL SHORTAGE AND CONSEQUENT DISLOCATIONS
IN ECONOMY. JSP ALSO APPARENTLY SEEKING TO INCREASE PRESSURES
ON GOJ TO RESOLVE SITUATION BY TAKING MORE PRONOUNCED PRO-ARAB
SHIFT IN FOREIGN POLICY, WITH CONSEQUENT IMPLICATION OF
COOLING OF US-JAPAN RELATIONS LONG SOUGHT BY JSP. MOREOVER, VISIT
MAY RESTORE SOME LUSTER TO LEADERSHIP IMAGE OF JSP AMONG OPPOSITION
PARTIES, WHICH HAS BEEN DULLED SOMEWHAT BY RECENT GROWTH IN
INFLUENCE OF JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY. END COMMENT.
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